IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

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WRIT PETITION NO : 12558 of 2004

Between:

Royal Cultural Society, D.No. 5-122/C, ADB Road, Thimmapuram, Kakinada Rural Mandal, East Godavari District, rep. by its Secretary, K.N.V.V. Konda Raju S/o Atchuta-ramaraju, aged 40 yrs, R/o P. Dontamuru, Pithapuram Mandal, East Godavari District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 Deputy Inspector General of Police, Eluru Range, at Eluru, West Godavari District.
2 Superintendent of Police, East Godavari District at Kakinada.
3 Deputy Superintendent of Police, East Godavari District at Kakinada.
4 Circle Inspector ,Kakinada Rural, Kakinada, East Godavari District .
5 Sub Inspector of Police, Thimmapuram Police Station, Kakinada Rural, East Godavari District .

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ order or direction and forbear the respondents from interfering with the activities of the petitioner society in particular the Card Room of the petitioner society where the members and guests of the petitioner are allowed to play the Game of Rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game) and grant such other relief as it deems fit in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.V.VENKATARAMANA

Counsel for the Respondents: THE GOVT. PLEADER FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

The petitioner seeks a writ of Mandamus forbearing from interfering with the activities of the petitioner's Society in particular with the Card Room of the petitioner's Society where the members and guests of the petitioner's Society are allowed to play the game of Rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game).

2. It is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the issue raised in this writ petition is squarely covered by the decision of a Division Bench of this Court in the case of TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE (FORMERLY TWIN CITIES CLUB) vs. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE and the writ petition can be disposed of in terms of the said decision.

3. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents not to obstruct the petitioner's Society from conducting card room for playing the game of rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game) by its members and guests. However, liberty is granted to the respondents to enter the premises and check if they have information that any game other than rummy is being played in the premises and to take necessary action in accordance with law. No costs.

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20.07.2004

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To

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